

Correspondence.

O'Bryan Overtures.

We are very glad to note that winter has really broken.

J. A. Collet has treated his house to a new coat of paint.

Corn is a scarce article and is now selling at \$2 per barrel.

It is reported that the fruit is all injured if not entirely killed.

We would like to know what the attraction is—we see Willard going east real often.

The nimrods of this section are enjoying themselves shooting ducks on the Chariton river.

Miss Elmira Cunningham opened her spring term of school at O'Bryan, Monday, April 3rd.

Health in this community is very good, the *la grippe* having loosened its hold on its victims.

Thomas Clines and wife, and F. C. Courtney and wife took Easter dinner with P. S. Gordon and wife.

The latest thing out is B. L. Emery's new fiddle. Back says he expects to make a violinist yet.

Rev. P. M. Sears filled his appointment at Scribner, Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Clyde Smith and family arrived here last Monday from Warsaw, Mo. Mr. Smith cannot give up old Chariton country.

Several of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brooks' friends surprised them last Friday night in the way of instrumental music. You should go earlier, Mr. Fiddler.

Musselfork Memoirs.

Mrs. S. S. Kelso is in very feeble health of late.

Abe Sportsman of Prairie Hill was in our town, Monday.

Marble-playing is quite a pastime with some of our men as well as small boys.

"Aunt" Ursula Cornwell has verbally contracted for the Richard Oldham 20-acre farm.

Victor Chrans, who is attending school at Salisbury, visited home folks, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Walter Kavanagh is teaching out spring term of school, which began the first Monday in April.

Wm. Carlstead and family, formerly of this place, but now at Salisbury, were calling on old friends here, Thursday.

E. F. Brewer and Adolphus Penrod of Kelo passed through Musselfork, Tuesday on their return home from Keytesville.

The agent for our mail route was here last week to contract with some one to carry the mail for four years over the star route line from this place to Keytesville, beginning July 1st, 1898, but did not succeed, his price being too low to interest any of the boys.

Salisbury Squabbings.

T. T. Elliott came over, Wednesday, to consult our magnetic doctors. We hope he may be benefited by the treatment.

The Rucker bridge southeast of town is to be repaired. A. F. Arrington, bridge commissioner, was expected over, Monday, to let the contract.

Elder Rose is delivering a series of Sunday night sermons on "How and Where We Got the Bible." The lectures are very instructive and all who wish to know about the good book should attend them.

Miss Christine Clark has returned from St. Louis, where she went to have her eye treated, and is much improved. She can see a little with the injured eye, and the prospect now is that she will not be disfigured in her appearance.

Two small fires have caused our citizens to look after their insurance policies. The first broke out in a closet of the Finks building, occupied by W. H. Hayes, but was soon subdued. The other was the building occupied by A. S. Rucker and caught from a flue. The partition walls burned out and let the flue fall, but the fire was overcome by a bucket brigade.

It becomes our sad duty this week to record the death of William (Pap) Minser, whose life went out with the close of the day, Monday, April 10th, 1899. For many years he had been a resident of our city and was known and respected by all. He had reached the ripe age of 72, and had been a public benefactor in the way of shade trees to the city for many years. He was jovial and kind-hearted and will long be remembered by those who were the recipient of his generosity. Funeral services were conducted from the family residence by Rev. J. P. Rice, and the remains then deposited in the City cemetery. His faithful wife survives him, and in her sorrow will find many friends to comfort and console her.

Bynumville Budget.

We have had two days nice weather and gardening is the chief topic of conversation.

C. R. Billeter and Jas. Hurt have been attending court at Keytesville for the past two weeks.

Geo. Long attended court at Keytesville this week as a witness in the case of the state vs. Wm. Becker.

Rev. Morgan is billed for a revival meeting at the Union church in Bynumville to commence Sunday next.

Geo. Preston of Musselfork and O. S. McCurry of Hamden were in our vicinity the first of the week looking for stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of north of town are very much elated over the arrival of a 12-pound man child at their house.

"Uncle" Lewis A. Thomas is quite-sick with heart and kidney trouble. Owing to his age, 77 years, it is somewhat doubtful if he will recover.

The Chariton river is reported to be getting out in the bottom and our local sports are looking after fish gills preparatory to slaying some of the finny tribe.

Jas. MacDowell, who left this place last fall, died at Bunnington, Kas. last week. The remains were shipped back here and were buried in the family cemetery on the old farm, Friday.

F. F. Harmon has traded for a top buggy and in the future we may expect to see Fred out in his new rig instead of plodding on around town back, while looking for work, and to trade with.

We are having quite a lot of improvements in our town. Jas. J. Wilson has just about completed an addition to his house. Mrs. L. Bartholomew is having a nice fence built in front of her lot and W. H. Ramsey is also doing something.

W. P. Davis has traded his 79-acre farm in the village of Bynumville for a farm known as the Jas. Green farm containing 285 acres one-half mile north of Long's Mills. The families of each will move to their new farms about the last of the month. We are sorry to have such people as W. P. Davis and family leave our community as they have lived here long, and are widely and favorably known. We trust they may be well pleased with their new home, and will not forget that they still have friends who live at Bynumville.

Mendon Mention.

Fishing is the order of the day. Dr. Warinner went out, Monday, and caught 25.

H. B. Kendrick was quite sick for two or three days last week, but is better now.

C. Wayland and B. F. Laughlin attended court at Keytesville, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Drs. Warinner and Richey performed an operation on Thornton Watts' arm last Saturday.

E. Loew has had a fine porch built to his dwelling house, which adds greatly to the looks.

Joseph Steinbeck has been laid up for the past two months with rheumatism in his back, but is getting better.

Miss Ollie Shoot began school here, Monday, with about 30 little ones, and she seems perfectly delighted with her new position. We predict for Miss Ollie a pleasant and profitable

school, for she certainly will do her duty as a teacher.

Wm. Martin sold to C. D. Felt, Tuesday, one car load of cattle and one car load of hogs. Consideration, \$4.50 for the cattle and \$3.10 per 100 pounds for the hogs.

Wilson Bros. of Chillicothe were here, Tuesday, trying to buy horses, and did buy one or two. Their prices were too low to induce the owners of horseflesh to sell.

Sumner Squibs.

Lestie Burton is on the sick list this week.

We are pleased to see "Uncle" M. L. Murphy up and around again.

Thos. Burns of Brookfield, prosecuting attorney of Linn county, was here, Wednesday.

J. H. Wright has moved his engine back to the ax-handle factory and is ready for work.

There will be preaching next Sunday evening at the Methodist church by Rev. O. Beistle.

Miss Georgia Northcott returned from her visit to friends in Brookfield, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fil Tufts departed, Tuesday night, to join her husband in Moberly, their future home.

Fred Erp was around among his friends, Wednesday, for the first time since his protracted sickness.

O. F. Libby, a prominent lawyer of Laclede, stopped here, Wednesday, on his way home from Keytesville.

Miss Gertie Miller is now with the Misses Woodie & Oliver, being initiated into the mysteries of the millinery craft.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Bessie Claxton of Kansas City is very sick at the home of W. B. Perkins in this place.

Mrs. Silvey, mother of Kuk and J. Silvey, died of pneumonia, Monday, and was buried, Tuesday. She was 78 years old.

Adam Givens and lady of Moberly are the guests of J. P. Grimes. Mr. Givens is enjoying his favorite sport of hunting and fishing at Lakewood.

Mrs. Stover Simcoe had the misfortune, Wednesday, to lose her balance and fall from a chair, on which she was standing, and break her arm.

The Robinson Bros. are enterprising. They have recently set up a small little two-horse power engine in their wagon shop, and are ready to turn out woodwork in short order.

There will be a social cake and play party at Mrs. Phillips' residence, Wednesday evening, April 19th, the proceeds of which will be expended for the purchase of hymn-books for use in the Baptist church.

There was a gathering of about 30 people at the box party at the residence of Rev. J. H. Webb, Saturday evening, where all enjoyed themselves. The proceeds, which amounted to \$3.25, are to be applied toward improvement in the lighting of the Baptist church.

There were good congregations at the Baptist church, Sunday. In the morning Bro. Webb preached from St. John 11:8, and his subject was: "The official work of the holy spirit." In the evening his text was First Peter 4:17-18, and his discourse was: "The judgment."

At a business meeting of the members of the Baptist church, held last Saturday afternoon, on motion a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Earle B. Kellogg for the handsome pulpit recently presented by him, and which is quite an ornament to the church edifice. The pulpit is the handiwork of "Uncle" Jas. Muckles.

There was a full attendance of the outgoing and incoming board of village trustees at the office of U. A. House, Monday evening, the former winding up their business. Many accounts were presented and allowed and warrants issued. The new board qualified and elected Geo. A. Southern, temporary chairman. U. A. House was, on motion, appointed clerk, and Louis Lisle, treasurer. On motion, the board adjourned to meet again next Monday evening.

Dickson's opera house was well filled last Friday evening with the parents and friends of the pupils to witness the closing exercises of the Sumner public school. The program, with the omission of one important number, was well carried out under the guidance of Prof. Wolfe and his

able staff. The reciters and declaimers of Room No. 1 were Alleen Matthews, Earnal Wainscott, George Thompson, Glen Flummerfelt and Myrtle Kaufman; Room No. 2, Elsie Leiner, Opel Webb and Gray Matthews, followed by a trombone duet; Room No. 3, Rosa Leiner, Bessie Smith, Caddie Hammond and Celia Moore; Room No. 4 presented "The Irish Medical Student," which was very amusing, and exercises in memory of Longfellow. A duet arrangement of "The Bridge" was beautifully sung by Misses Kilpatrick and Hammond. Oscar Caton delivered an original essay, "The Secret of Prosperity." Messrs. Northcott, Wolfe, Wright and Adams interspersed the program with well-rendered vocal quartets. The first number was: "The Lord's Prayer." The exercises were opened by an invocation by Rev. O. Beistle, who also presented the diplomas to the two graduates, which he did after very appreciative remarks, during which he made some eloquent allusions to Rev. W. H. Milburn and others. We desire to observe right here that, in our opinion, it would have looked much prettier had the graduates risen to their feet when the speaker turned and personally addressed them and they received their diploma at his hands, and not have obliged him to deposit them at their elbows on the table.

Guthridge Mills Gossip.

Rev. Joe Stevens filled his appointment at A. C. Eneyart's, Sunday.

There are several young chickens in this vicinity, but none of them are ripe yet.

Misses Mollie Eneyart and Anna Brewer visited "Aunt" Mollie Stevens, Monday.

C. Thomas bought a span of mules from George Medlock of near Thomas Hill for \$125.

If grass don't come right soon cow-skipping will be the next thing on the program in this neighborhood.

The health of this community is good with the exception of a few chronic cases of "spring fever."

Herbert Colley set in to work for Frank Klinger, but cut three of his (Colley's) toes badly, and is now laid up for repairs.

We haven't heard of anyone planting corn out this way yet, but we do know a fellow who hasn't chopped his summer's wood.

Rev. James Knaubrough of the Holiness persuasion will preach at Mt. Pleasant, Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in this month, and also the fifth Sunday.

We are of the opinion that spring has come, at least it looks like it and everybody is talking about planting "taters," sowing oats and making garden as soon as the ground is dry enough.

Jake Turner of this place has lost two of his children with black measles. Several members of Mr. Turner's family are down with the same disease. We tender our sympathies to them in their affliction.

Our school election went off charmingly at Pollard school-house. A full set of directors was elected as follows: Cal Fry for one year in place of Chris Stoner; A. C. Eneyart for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of John F. Yancey to Nebraska, and Rev. Carter DeWeese for three years to succeed Ben Edmann whose time had expired.

Fruit and Vegetable Plants.

Call on S. M. White and get him to give you our price list of fruit and vegetable plants, etc. He will take your order at list prices and save you freight charges. Ask him about us and our way of doing business and the grade of our goods.

H. SCHNELL,
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Death's Decree.

HAMPTON:—The sad news reached us, Thursday evening, that Libbie O. Hampton, beloved wife of Ollie E. Hampton of Mena, Ark., died at that place, Monday night, April 3rd. They moved from the vicinity of Triplett, Mo., to Mena, Ark., two years ago, where they have since made their home. For many long weary days the beloved and cherished wife lay bearing the untold pain and suffering of spinal meningitis. Monday night at 10 o'clock the angels came and released her from the terrible suffering and took her to that far away home where pain and sorrow never come. It seems almost cruel that one so young and happy should have to leave a loving husband and a sweet baby boy, but we must not feel that way when we know that it was God's will that she was taken from us. Good bye, dear Libbie, you have left us, but some sweet day, when our life on earth is over, may we find a happy home with you in heaven. May God's tenderest mercies rest with the husband and little child while the angel wife and mother peacefully sleeps in Jesus.

A husband in this case would be a great help. Here we shall see him no more, but comforted among the heavenly throng, his duties done for ever more.

MISSOURI:—Wm. (Pap) Minser died at his home in Salisbury last Monday night of general debility, aged 72 years. "Pap" was a kind-hearted old man and was well liked. He leaves three or four children by his first wife back in Ohio and a second wife to mourn his death.

CLARK:—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, nee Garrison, died of pneumonia at the residence of her son-in-law, G. W. Conrad, 2 1/2 miles east of Keytesville, Thursday, April 6th, aged 59 years. The deceased was a native of Kentucky, but had spent the greater portion of her life in Chariton county. Her husband, James Clark, died 29 years ago. Mrs. Clark's remains were brought to Keytesville, Friday, where funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church, South, by Rev. J. O. Edmonston. Interment in the City cemetery.

SWITZER:—Wm. Sweitzer, a son of Eli Sweitzer of one mile north of Brunswick, died of pneumonia at the residence of H. A. Gorman three miles southeast of Brunswick last Sunday, after an illness of about a week, in the 25th year of his age. His remains were interred in Elliott Grove cemetery at Brunswick, Monday, Rev. Minor B. Hurt conducting the funeral services. The untimely death of this young man is deeply regretted by the entire community in which he lived. He was not a mem-

ber of any church, but was possessed of exemplary habits.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dempsey of Keytesville is sick with the measles, but is reported as improving. Earle has had them, too, but has recovered.

A number of friends have admonished the COURIER and Signal to cease their quarreling. So far as the COURIER is concerned the friendly advice came too late, for this paper had had its "say" and had quit.

Pat Stanton has sent his little Keytesville namesake, Pat Lessley, a fine Klondike dog from Nashville, Tenn. His dogship has been trained to harness and wagon, and Pat Lessley is now the hero of all small boys in this place.

Quite a delegation from Sumner, accompanied by Capt. W. E. Robinson and "Uncle" A. Dickson, attended circuit court this week. The Sumnerites were kept busy most of the time at court, but what leisure time they had was devoted to Col. F. M. Waugh and Capt. John W. Lewis—the object being to see that both did not get on the same side of a street at the same time.

Real Estate Transfers.

Aaron Staines and wife to Jay Fulbright, ne qr se qr 26; also nw qr sw qr 15, all in 36-21, subject a deed of trust for \$600 held by the Missouri Savings bank of Kansas City. Consideration, \$3,000.

Minta McDonald to Barney A. Harte, an undivided one-half interest in sw qr ne qr 26-53-17 except one acre in nw cor heretofore reserved for church purposes. Consideration, \$650.

C. C. Sharp, wife et al to Abraham Sharp, four-fifths of the e hf sw qr 6-55-20. Consideration, \$2,000.

John D. Wilkinson and wife to Albert and Anderson Gooch, that pt of the se qr ne qr 36-54-18 lying east of the main channel of the Chariton river and containing 20 acres, more or less. Consideration, \$150.

Wm. L. Oliver of Boone county to Adolph Baer, s hf sw qr nw qr 24-55-17. Consideration, \$1.

A. E. Moredock and wife to C. C. Hurt, a tract of land, described by metes and bounds, beginning 175 1-2 ft s of the se cor of college square in College Place addition to the city of Salisbury. Consideration, \$500.

Wm. H. Murphy to Edward E. Murphy, an undivided one-half interest in the w hf nw qr 2-56-21, subject to an encumbrance for \$550, payment of which is assumed by the grantee herein. Consideration, \$1,000.

T. P. Wood and wife to Mrs. Ann G. Wood, 60 acres, s pt e hf nw qr 12-53-18; also 130 acres, n and w pt sw qr 12-53-18. Consideration, \$1,500.

Thos. F. Leiner and wife to E. L. McDonald, sw qr 17-56-21 lying east of Grand river and containing 35 acres, more or less, subject to a deed of trust for \$250. Consideration, \$500.